

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Monsignor David LeSieur of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Hines presented Certificates of Appreciation to the employees for their years of service with the city as follows:

Annette Brusherd	5	Police Dept.
Bradley Pollock	25	Police Dept.
Jarod Mason	25	Police Dept.
Thomas Jenkins	10	Fire Dept.
Nicholas Pace	5	Fire Dept.
Wade Hulseley	15	Fire Dept.
Brandon Welch	5	Fire Dept.
Jeremiah Barnes	15	Fire Dept.
Brian Bevis	5	Fire Dept.
Matthew Conroy	5	Fire Dept.
Bonnie Bridges	5	Staff Attorney
Donna Johnston	15	CDBG Administrator
Lyndall Dean-Weir	20	Library
Ryan Easley	15	Parks Dept.
Joe D'Amico	15	Parks Dept.

There were no other comments from anyone in the audience.

The Public Forum was declared closed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Kruger, Betsy Reithemeyer, Gary Townzen, Marge Wolf, Clay Kendall, Jerry Carmichael, Barney Hayes and Mandy Brashear were present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Clerk-Treasurer Peggy David, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Staff Attorneys Bonnie Bridges and John Pesek, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services Manager Jené Huffman, Parks and Recreation Director Jim White, Parks Superintendent Stan

Weaver, , City Planners Lori Ericson, Airport Manager David Krutsch, PR Specialist Ben Cline, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, HR Director Thomas Dunlap, and Assistant to the Mayor Carey Hollis.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(February 26, 2019)

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019 as submitted.

Voice vote: Unanimous -Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading, by title only and bundling items 2 & 3 and bundling 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

RES. #R19-14 Amending the 2019 Budget to Recognized \$54,479 into Acct. #100-01-49255 from the Rogers Fire Pension Fund and Appropriate Up to \$45,210 to Acct. #100-01-72100

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

Wilhelm explained this resolution summarizes the history of the actions of the Fire Pension Board and their attempt to get an increase in their pensions, which was approved by the Arkansas Pension Review Board Administrator, but was overturned by the Arkansas Pension Review Board. The pension fund will be charged administrative management fees to manage the fund and the pensions will be paid out of the General Fund.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #2)

RES. #R19-15 Amending the 2018 Budget to Appropriate General Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$679,173 to Various Accounts

The resolutions were introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Wilhelm.

Wilhelm explained these resolutions are to finalize 2018 budgets.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolutions.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolutions are adopted.***

(Agenda Item #3)

RES. #R19-16 Amending the 2018 Budget to Appropriate Health Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$1,166,233 to Acct. #375-75-61503

(Agenda Item #4)

RES. #R19-17 Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$394,864 to Various Accounts

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized CDBG Administrator Donna Johnston.

Johnston reported the 2018 grant money was received in October 2018 so this will be carried over to be used for the designated projects while waiting for the 2019 funds.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #5)

RES. #R19-18 Amending the 2019 Budget to Recognize Grant Proceeds in the Amount of \$504,833 and Appropriate Grant Proceeds and General Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$2,414,936 to Various Accounts

The resolutions were introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Director of Finance Wilhelm.

(Agenda Item #6)

RES. #R19-19 Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Court Automation Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$32,526 to Acct. #338-38-70251

(Agenda Item #8)

RES. #R19-20 Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Health Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$18,789 to Acct. #375-75-61501

(Agenda Item #9)

RES. #R19-21 Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Street Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$3,072,155 to Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #10)

RES. #R19-22 Amending the 2019 Budget to Recognize Grant Proceeds in the Amount of \$988,871 and Appropriate Grant Proceeds and Airport Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$1,115,110 to Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #7)

RES. #R19-23 Amending the 2019 Budget to Move Court Automation Fund Monies and Appropriate \$7,500 from Court Automation Reserves to Acct. #100-12-61110

Wilhelm explained these resolutions are for projects in different funds that were started in 2018 but not completed so the funds will need to be moved to the 2019 budgets.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer, to adopt the resolutions.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolutions are adopted.***

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and again recognized Wilhelm.

Wilhelm explained the District Court Judge has requested this transfer for overtime pay for employee training of the new computer system that has been installed.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

OLD BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #19-21 Authorizing an Amendment to the City of Rogers Franchise Agreement with Inland Waste Solutions; To Approve a Fee Increase for Solid Waste Disposal that is Proportional to Cost Increases **FINAL VOTE**

Councilmember Townzen chair of the Public Works Committee reported the committee recommended approval on a split vote of the committee members and recognized Kevin Gardner of Inland Services.

Gardner explained the rate increase is due to the increase of costs for the disposal of recycling materials and tipping fees at the landfill. The increase is 18% and would not be as high had the cost of the recycling not gone up due to contamination of recycled materials. The increase, if approved, will go into effect April 1, 2019.

Councilmember Kruger noted, “No one likes a rate increase, but it is worth something for someone to come by once a week and pick up your trash and recyclables. The cost of solid waste disposal across the country is going up. Do I like it, no, but I’ll support it.”

Mayor Hines said, “It has occurred to me over the years that solid waste disposal is the best bargain for anyone when for under \$20.00 a month they will come get the stuff you don’t want, no questions asked, and take it away.”

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Kruger, Townzen, Wolf, Kendall, Carmichael, Hayes – Yes; Reithemeyer and Brashear – No. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Kruger, Townzen, Wolf, Kendall, Carmichael, Hayes – Yes; Reithemeyer and Brashear – No. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #19-22 Rezone from N-R to NBT, .34 Acres ± at 506 S. 3rd Street (Gregory & Harriet Stone)

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Carmichael and read by title only by Hatfield.

Gregory Stone, owner, requested the rezoning so that their home could be restored and a workshop can be added.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #2)

ORD. #19-23 Rezone from R-O to R-DP, 2.5 Acres ± at 1504 Persimmon Street

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Carmichael and read by title only by Hatfield.

Carmichael reported the Community Environment & Welfare Committee had reviewed the project and recommended approval.

Jim Neill requested approval of the rezoning as recommended by the Planning Commission. Neill commended the Planning staff for their ease in working with them.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Hines recommended the reappointment of Jerry Vest to the Airport Commission, term to expire March 11, 2024.

Approves the reappointment of *Jerry Vest* to the **Airport Commission**, term to expire March 11, 2024.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to approve the reappointment of Jerry Vest to the Airport Commission as recommended.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Mayor Hines also recommended the reappointment of Ray Hobbs to the Airport Commission, term to expire March 11, 2024.

Approves the reappointment of *Ray Hobbs* to the **Airport Commission**, term to expire March 11, 2024.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to approve the reappointment of Ray Hobbs to the Airport Commission as recommended.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Mayor Hines acknowledged that both Vest and Hobbs were in attendance tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hines introduced the newly hired Staff Attorney John Pesek.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy David, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor